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Sunday 22 March 2020

## Update: coronavirus (COVID-19) and school holidays

Dear principals, teachers, early childhood educators and education support staff,

This afternoon the Victorian Government announced additional steps to combat the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), including bringing forward the school holidays in Victoria to commence from Tuesday 24 March.

All staff will use the next four days for planning and preparation for the likely transition to flexible and remote learning.

We are aware of the need for clarification around many issues. More information for schools and early childhood services will be provided as soon as possible tomorrow.

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is without precedent in living memory, and it is taking us into the most challenging of times – as individuals, in our communities and as a society.

Thank you for your continued outstanding efforts during this time.

Yours sincerely

**David Howes**

Deputy Secretary  
Schools and Regional Services

**Kim Little**

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Early Childhood Education

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The Department acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of the land and acknowledges and pays respect to their elders, past and present.

